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Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

The subject application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/809,469 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,629,963) and the remaining cited references were either cited in the prosecution thereof or in the prosecution in one of the patent applications thereof. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) and the PTO's waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i) (1276 OG 55), no copies of these references are being submitted herewith.

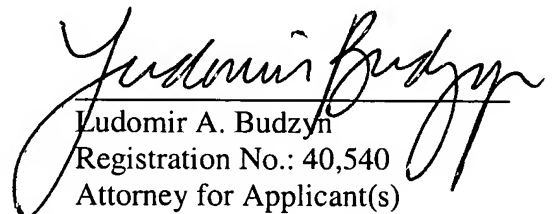
Copies of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,503,230 and 6,629,963 and Chinese Patent Publication No. 2145037Y, along with a full English translation, are attached, since such was not previously provided.

As will be noted, four non-English foreign references had been cited in previous prosecution. With respect to European Patent No. 0873758, a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,980,495 is submitted herewith as an English-language equivalent, and U.S. Patent No. 6,331,174 is submitted herewith as an English-language equivalent of German Patent No. 4438360. European Patent No. 0592814 is of record as relating to a needle capping device, while Dutch Patent No. 8902938 is of record as relating to a hollow needle having a chamfered front edge.

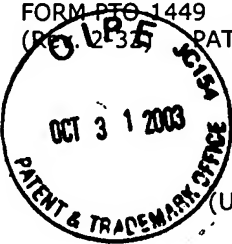
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If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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		0819442	1/1998	Europe			X	
		0873758	10/1998	Europe			X	
		0976415	2/2000	Europe			X	
		592814A2	09/1993	Europe				X
		4438360	5/1996	Germany			X	
		8902938	6/1991	Netherlands				X

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

			Kraton™ G2705 Polymer Compound Bulletin
			Kraton Processing Guide
			Shell Kraton Polymers for Modifications of Thermoplastic
			Kraton Polymers and Compounds Typical Properties Guide

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